

Dr. Susan La Flesche

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Doctors help keep us healthy. They also help us feel better when we are sick.

How do people become doctors? They need to go to medical school for many years. Susan La Flesche was the first Native American to go to school to be a doctor. She was a member of the Omaha tribe.

Susan was very smart. She studied hard at school. She became a doctor!

Susan helped many Omaha tribe members. She also helped people in nearby towns.

There was no hospital for the Omaha tribe. Susan traveled miles and miles to see her patients. She taught them healthy habits. She also cured many of their sicknesses.

Susan wanted everyone to have good medical care. She helped build a hospital for the Omaha tribe. It helped many people.

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1. What does a doctor do?

- A. A doctor helps people stay healthy.
- B. A doctor cooks food for people.
- C. A doctor writes books about people.

2. What did Susan La Flesch do before she became a doctor?

- A. She went to medical school.
- B. She helped build a hospital.
- C. She wrote a book about staying healthy.

3. Susan La Flesche had to work hard to take care of her patients in the Omaha tribe.

What part of the text supports this idea?

- A. "Susan La Flesche was the first Native American to go to school to be a doctor. She was a member of the Omaha tribe."
- B. "There was no hospital for the Omaha tribe. Susan traveled miles and miles to see her patients."
- C. "Doctors help keep us healthy. They also help us feel better when we are sick."

4. What is the main idea of this text?

A. Some doctors help keep their patients healthy, and some doctors perform surgery on sick patients.

B. Susan La Flesche, the first Native American doctor, helped many people in the Omaha tribe.

C. Susan La Flesch wanted to build a hospital for the Omaha tribe but could never get enough money to build one.